

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. Claims 12 and 13 have been amended. Claims 1-11 and 21-29 have been previously canceled. No claims have been canceled or added in this response. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections

Independent claims 12 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) based on Sitaraman et al. (U.S. Patent no. 6,263,369). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections.

Claim 12 as amended recites:

12. A machine-readable medium having sequences of instructions stored therein which, when executed by a processor cause the processor to perform a process comprising:

automatically configuring a network cache according to a structure of a database so that the network cache is able to communicate with the database to authenticate a user; and
operating the network cache.

(Emphasis added).

The above claim recites automatically configuring a network cache according to a structure of a database so that the network cache is able to communicate with the database to authenticate a user. In contrast, Sitaraman does not teach or suggest the above emphasized claim limitation. As explained in the response to the previous office action mailed on 5/2/2006, Sitaraman discloses a communication system that has more than one access point. The communication system has a global database storing user records. When a user tries to logon to the communication system via an access point,

the user's record is fetched from the global database, transmitted and stored in a local cache or database in the access point (see Abstract; column 1, lines 56-67; column 2, lines 7-12, lines 21-35, lines 54-58; 49-68).

The Examiner cited column 2's lines 54-58, alleging that Sitaraman teaches automatically configuring a network cache because Sitaraman discloses that "a local cache is constructed by automatically obtaining a user record from the mother cache (or central database) in response to a user log-on attempt" (see Final Office Action mailed on 8/21/2006, page 4). However, even assuming *arguendo* that automatically obtaining a user record from the central database may be considered as automatically configuring the local cache, the Examiner alleged automatic configuration is not according to a structure of the central database, but to a content of the central database. Neither does the rest of Sitaraman teach or suggest automatically configuring a network cache according to a structure of a database. Thus, at least for the above reasons, claim 12 and all claims which depend on it are patentable over Sitaraman.

Claim 13, as amended, also recites a limitation similar to those discussed above for claim 12. Thus, at least for similar reasons, claim 13 and all claims which depend on it are patentable over Sitaraman.

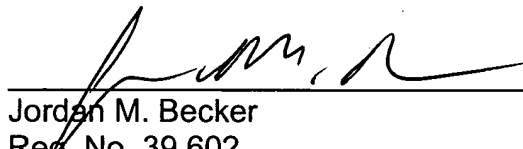
For the foregoing reasons, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly requested.

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